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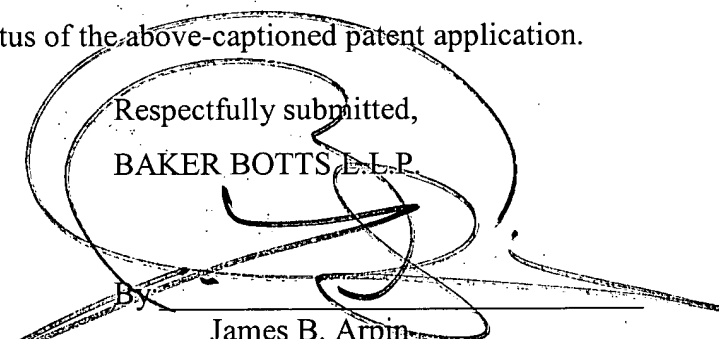
Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) inform Applicant's representative of the status of the above-captioned patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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